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Re: Applicant(s): Vargas, Jaime S.
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
Title: Tool for Performing End-to-End Anastomosis
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Dear Examiner Pantuck:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Election.

- No additional fee is required.
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ELECTION

This communication is in response to the Office Action of March 9, 2004. Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18, without traverse. Allowance of pending claims 1-18 is respectfully solicited. Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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